

Beautification Winner – March, 2011

Larry and Judy Hodge have gardened at 108 Chippewa since 1965 and have made their landscape a welcome sight to the many people who use this street daily. With a busy family of four children, the gardens have changed form and function over the years, with the addition of a swimming pool in 1976 and a conservatory five years ago. The double lot serves as an extensive canvas for an impressive display of ornamental grasses, perennials, spring blooming trees and azaleas. The beds are very deep, allowing for many specimens collected over the years from nurseries around the area and in Illinois. Knock-out roses and tree peonies are some of the Hodges' favorites.

Annuals add color during summer months with hanging baskets and mandevilla vines . Judy seeks out unusual colors of coleus as well as dragon begonias and New Guinea impatiens for the front of the house. Although Judy takes credit for planning and acquiring new plants, both Larry and Judy are active in maintaining and improving this well-known garden spot in West Lafayette. Their hard work is appreciated by all who travel on Chippewa.

